(c) whether any women organisations have submitted any proposals of training oriented programme;

(d) if so whether Government would come forward to assist these women cooperative societies as most of women organisations are facing financial crisis and issue funds to promote women self-employment programme and to boost handloom and handicraft setor; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b) Government have been taking a number of steps to boost handloom and readymade garment exports from all over India such as sponsoring sales-cum-study teams, participation in fairs in major markets, releasing advertisements in foreign trade magazines, grant of duty drawback and appropriate quota policy measures. Apparel Export Promotion Council is seting up Appared Training & design Centres at Jodhpur and Jaipur for imparting training to the workers in garment making.

(c) to (e) In handicraft sector, following organisations have submitted proposals under training schemes in the crafts shown against each :—

(i) SEWA, Ahmedabad in patch work.

(ii) SETU, Jaipur in durry making.

Government have already sanctioned grant-in-aid to SEWA for craft development centre. If specific proposals relating to handloom sector are received from such organisations through the concerned State Governments, the same could be considered under 'Project Package Scheme' implemented in handloom sector.

Financial Difficulties of the NTC

1571. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have turned down the requests of the NTC for release of the entire amount of budgetary support during the first quarter of the current financial year inorder to balance their annual operations; and

(b) if so, what are Government's future plans to overcome the financial difficulties of the NTC subsidiaries in view of the refusal of financial help by the financial institutions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b) Goverment have already released a sum of Rs. 54.13 crores to NTC during 1992-93 towards the reimbursement of its cash losses against the budgeted outlay of Rs. 54.80 crores. Government have also approved a Turn Around Strategy for NTC mills which envisages, inter-alia, provision of Rs. 200 crores for improving their liquidity besides allocations of Rs. 689 crores for VRS and Rs. 50 crores as Rehabilitation Fund and modernisation for NTC.

Closure of Textile Mills

1572. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGl :
SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHAND-RAN :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of textile mills closed down during the last three years alongwith the dates of closure and the number of workers rendered jobless as a result thereof, mill-wise;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to revive the said mills and their present condition; and

(c) the arrangements made so far to rehabilitate or to provide relief to the workers rendered jobless by each such miU ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) A Statement is attached. [See below]

(b) and (c) Govt, have set up a Nodal Agency/Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) *to* evolve and manage Rehabilitation Package in respect of sick/closed textile mills. Textile Modernisation Fund has been established to meet the modernisation needs of the mills. Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund was created to provide interim relief to the workers rendered jobless as a result of